

EXHIBIT

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DEFENDANTS' REPLY TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE TESTIMONY OF
DR. CHRISTOPHER TEAF
(DOCKET NO. 2156)

05-CV-0329 GKF-PJC

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

W. A. DREW EDMONDSON, in his)
capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL)
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA and)
OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF THE)
ENVIRONMENT C. MILES TOLBERT,))
in his capacity as the)
TRUSTEE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES)
FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) 4:05-CV-00329-TCK-SAJ
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TYSON FOODS, INC., et al,)
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Defendants.)

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THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
CHRISTOPHER TEAF, PhD, produced as a witness on
behalf of the Defendants in the above styled and
numbered cause, taken on the 31st day of January,
2008, in the City of Tulsa, County of Tulsa, State
of Oklahoma, before me, Lisa A. Steinmeyer, a
Certified Shorthand Reporter, duly certified under
and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

1 A I would say it was a combination of questions
2 and comments. Some of them weren't stated as
3 questions. I have this information and it was
4 valuable to me.

5 Q Why?

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6 A Well, for example, when the -- when we
7 discussed the relative source contribution issue,
8 someone mentioned to me that one of the large swine
9 raising operations that previously had been
10 operating in Oklahoma that showed up on our census
11 information was no longer, and that was valuable.

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12 Q Uh-huh.

13 A I use that kind of information whenever I can
14 get it.

15 Q Earlier in response to some questioning by Mr.
16 Tucker, you talked about a source allocation type
17 analysis that you did pursuant to TMDL guidance; is
18 that fair?

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19 A Parts of the TMDL approach, which often go way
20 beyond what we did and look at other flow rates and
21 back calculate acceptable loadings, which we did not
22 do.

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23 Q When did you perform that analysis?

24 A It's been ongoing for a long time. Probably
25 at least -- parts of it have been ongoing probably

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1 for at least a year, but for the most part it's been
2 the last six or eight months I would say.

3 Q Why did you perform that analysis?

4 A To understand better the answer to some of the
5 questions that have come up today, which is how

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6 important are septic tanks, how important are MPDS
7 points of discharge in the Illinois River watershed,
8 what loading do you see from all kinds of poultry,
9 from cattle, from swine, pets, wildlife, that type

10 of thing, again, standard to the approach that's

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11 taken by DEQ in Pennsylvania and Ohio in their TMDL.

12 Q Is there a TMDL guidance that you're
13 approached on?

14 A There are several. There's an EPA guidance
15 and there's actually a DEQ guidance I believe.

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16 Q On how to prepare a TMDL?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Is it specific to bacteria or is it just a
19 general approach for TMDL's?

20 A I would say there's some of both, that is,
21 there's a certain element of TMDL work that is rote,
22 and it doesn't matter what the contaminant is, and
23 there's a certain amount that's related specifically
24 to pathogens as opposed to industrial discharges and
25 that type of thing.

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1 Q Okay, and remind me, what sources did you
2 allocate -- let me back up. Was your allocation
3 strictly bacteria or did you allocate other
4 constituents in water based upon source in that
5 work?

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6 A We did not do anything other than bacteria,
7 fecal coliform bacteria.

8 Q Okay, and remind me, what sources did you look
9 at as part of your allocation?

10 A Let me think for a second. I mentioned
11 wildlife, which are -- according to that process,
12 the surrogate for that is deer populations. We did
13 septic -- failing septic systems as they're
14 outlined. Did MPDS discharges. We did pets; we did
15 cattle; we did swine, and we did poultry as a
16 function of broilers, layers, pullets and turkeys, I
17 believe are the four.

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18 Q So certainly implicit in your work in this
19 regard is an acknowledgment that there are multiple
20 sources of bacteria in the waters of the Illinois
21 River watershed; is that correct?

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22 A Yes, sir, and the question of importance is
23 the one that we were seeking to try to address.

24 Q Let's take an example of one, and I want to
25 understand kind of how you came up with your

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1 analysis and how you came up with an allocation, and
2 I don't know that I really care which one, but let's
3 take -- did you do or analyze dairies?

4 A We did cattle total, which includes dairy
5 cattle.

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6 Q So cattle includes dairies?

7 A That's an interesting aspect of it because we
8 -- there are values associated with fecal releases,
9 fecal coliform releases per animal per day, and that
10 information may be available for multiple types of
11 one species. So dairy cattle have a particular
12 release rate. Beef cattle have a particular release
13 rate. Calves have a particular release rate. In

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14 our analysis, rather than try to fragment that
15 because it's difficult to get separate population
16 estimates for dairy cattle and beef cattle and
17 calves on any reasonable regular basis, we use the
18 value for cattle, which is the higher of the three.

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19 So our -- we allocated the highest potential source
20 to cattle that we could generate. I don't know if
21 I'm being clear about that.

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22 Q So you basically used dairy cattle then for --

23 A No. Actually used beef cattle. The dairy
24 cattle contribution is slightly less.

25 Q Okay. So in terms of beef cattle, what you're

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1 analyzing is loading, actual loading to the water of
2 bacteria; correct?

3 A Loading to the Illinois River watershed.

4 Q Okay.

5 A And we apportioned everything to -- because 04:54PM
6 you get county data and then you have to apportion
7 that within land use category in the Illinois River
8 watershed.

9 Q So how did you get a number -- tell me how you
10 went from the number you got for cattle and what 04:55PM
11 assumptions you made in terms of its contribution in
12 terms of fate and transport, how much bacteria gets
13 on the ground, those kinds of things; how did that
14 work?

15 A Well, we stopped at the point of calculating 04:55PM
16 estimated loading to the watershed, that is,
17 identifying the loading for all poultry, identifying
18 the loading for cattle, septic tanks, pets, that
19 type of thing. However, we didn't -- other than
20 qualitatively understanding that the characteristics 04:55PM
21 of the application of those fecal materials are
22 different, we didn't go to the point of modeling,
23 for example, from a cow patty to the river.

24 Q Okay. That's helpful for me to understand.
25 So what you basically -- your analysis, and please 04:55PM

1 correct me if I'm wrong, assumed that once the
2 bacteria source hit the ground, that was a
3 contribution to the waters; is that correct?

4 MR. PAGE: Object to the form.

5 A I don't know about the hit the ground part. 04:56PM

6 What we did is look at the number of animals, the
7 amount of fecal material and fecal coliform bacteria
8 per animal, and got a loading for the Illinois River
9 watershed both in Arkansas and Oklahoma total
10 together. 04:56PM

11 Q So there was -- if you assume a beef cow from
12 some literature produces X amount of excrement per
13 day, how did you use that figure; is that --

14 A Well, it's actually not a number we needed
15 based on the approach that is taken in the TMDL 04:56PM
16 report. They generate -- the TMDL report generates
17 a value from the American Society of Agricultural
18 Engineers with regard to fecal coliforms per day per
19 animal. You can get it for cattle, you can get it
20 for chickens and you can get it for horses and 04:56PM
21 ponies and all that.

22 Q So once you got that for one cow, you took
23 that straight into your calculation?

24 A Correct.

25 Q So that calculation didn't put that fecal 04:57PM

1 coliform in the water; is that fair?

2 A No, it did not.

3 Q Okay. So then before wastewater treatment

4 plants, did you just assume the same thing or did

5 you assume it got into the water, it being fecal

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6 coliform?

7 A We didn't make that distinction.

8 Q So you were just basically saying total

9 generation of fecal coliform in the Illinois River

10 watershed and you allocated it that way?

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11 A Yes.

12 Q So there was no fate and transport element to

13 your work?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you produce that work to the defendants in

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16 this case?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You did?

19 A I did.

20 Q What did that work look like; what was the

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21 summary of that work or --

22 A There are seven tables, seven files. I

23 couldn't tell you the Bates numbers of them, but

24 there are several tables that are -- that you need

25 to use in conjunction with one another because one

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1 it's the total generation of fecal coliform; that's
2 what your analysis did; correct?

3 A Yes, and I don't distinguish -- I'm not sure
4 how you used the word loading.

5 Q I'm talking about loading in terms of from the 04:59PM
6 end of the chicken or end of the cow or the end of
7 the water treatment plant to where it is in the
8 water.

9 A I don't use the word loading that way. I
10 called it a loading analysis, but I did not do fate 04:59PM
11 and transport from the point of deposition to the
12 water body.

13 Q Okay. So we are using loading in a different
14 way?

15 A Yes, sir. 04:59PM

16 Q You're not using loading to mean that your
17 analysis about the contribution of chickens is that
18 the amount gets into the waters of the Illinois
19 River watershed; is that correct?

20 A My conclusion has been that some of it does, 04:59PM
21 and I've described qualitatively why I think that's
22 important.

23 Q But not as part of your TMDL analysis?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q Or TMDL-like analysis? 04:59PM

1 A No.

2 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're now off the Record.

3 The time is 4:59 p.m.

4 (Following a short recess at 5:00 p.m.,

5 proceedings continued on the Record at 5:09 p.m.)

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6 VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the Record.

7 The time is 5:09 p.m.

8 Q Let me ask you one more follow-up question on

9 this TMDL-like work that you did and, that is, if

10 you had to pick one document that guided your

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11 methodology, what would that one document be?

12 A Can I have two?

13 Q Sure.

14 A I would say the EPA TMDL guidance and either

15 of the several DEQ TMDL's that are out there. I've

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16 looked at ones from other states and they're

17 actually quite similar.

18 Q One more follow-up question on Christie

19 Bradley. Did anyone ask you to call Ms. Bradley?

20 A No.

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21 Q Okay. Do you know whether or not the State of

22 Oklahoma intends to call Ms. Bradley at the upcoming

23 hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction,

24 call her as a witness?

25 A I have no idea.

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